

Exhibit 1

December 21, 2006

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Dear Ms. Waller:

I have emailed both you and Mr. Glen Fine copies of some of my documents on the Brief filed in the Court of Appeals in the DC Circuit....I have documented a violation of constitutional rights and asked that you investigate this case for me....This is a Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act request for all documents and information you have obtained on this subject....I have not received a reply from you or Mr. Fine...And would appreciate your assistance in investigating in this matter...

Attached you will find the FBI's Appellee's Reply to Appellant's Opposition To Motion For Summary Affirmance and my Appellant's Answer To Appellees' Reply To Appellant's Opposition To Motion For Summary Affirmance which summarizes my case and Brief in 4 pages.

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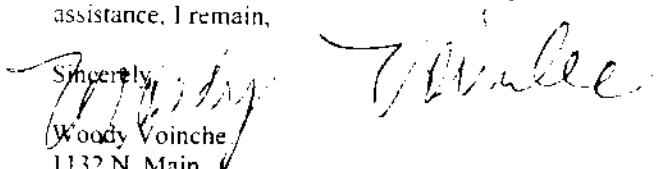
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Sincerely,


Woody Voinche
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318-253-7788

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of the Inspector General



Washington, D.C. 20530

February 6, 2007

Woody Voinche
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Marksville, Louisiana 71351

Subject: Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Request [07-OIG-33]

Dear Ms. Voinche:

This responds to your request under the Freedom of Information Act for access to records maintained by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The document responsive to your request has been reviewed. It has been determined that certain portions of such document have been exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) and (7)(C). Consequently, please find enclosed that information which can be released pursuant to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on this request, you may appeal from this partial denial by writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530, within 60 days of the date of this letter. Both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, which is also where the records you seek are located.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Deborah Marie Waller", is written over the typed name.

Deborah Marie Waller
FOI/PA Specialist
Office of the General Counsel

Enclosure

Exhibit 3

OIG - INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION - Complaint Form

OIG NO.: WA-499-2001-005186-F

Received By: Conversion

Date Received: 07/16/2001

How Received: H

SUBJECT: Unidentified, Unidentified

Title: SA

Pay Plan:

SSNO:

Component: FBI

EOD Date:

D.O.B.:

Misc:

Alien No.:

Home:

F.B.I.No.:

Phone:

ZIP:

B.O.P.No.:

Work:

D/L No.:

Phone:

ZIP:

Offenses: 499

COMPLAINANT: Voinche, Woody

Title: CIVIL

Pay Plan:

SSNO:

Component: CITZN

EOD Date:

D.O.B.:

Misc:

Alien No.:

Home: 1132 N. MAIN, MARKSVILLE, LA

F.B.I.No.:

Phone:

ZIP: 71351-

B.O.P.No.:

Work:

D/L No.:

Phone:

ZIP:

Confidential: N

Revealed: N

Authority: none

Details:

Complainant alleges various abuses by FBI. Complainant believes unidentified FBI personnel have released a toxic substance in complainant's home and vehicle.

ALLEGATIONS: 499 Other Official Misconduct

Occurrence Date:

TIME:

CITY:

State:

Zip:

DISPOSITION DATA: Disposition: F Date: 07/16/2001 Approval:

Referred to Agency:

Date Sent:

Component: FBI

Patriot Act: N

Civil Rights: N

Component Number:

Sensitive: N

Whistleblower:

Consolidated Case Number:

Remarks:

February 13, 2000

Exhibit 4

Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy

US Department of Justice, 1425 New York Avenue, Suite 11050

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Fine-Ms. Waller-Co-Director:

Thank you for responding to my Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act request for all documents and information you have obtained on my case. Ms. Waller has referred me to this new address to appeal. This is a **2nd... Appeal** of request Number 07-OIG-33, my initial request and also invoking the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, all provisions of the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Patriot Act including Section 1001...18 USC 4 and 42 USC 1983 and 42 USC 1986...any Whistleblower legislation...The one document Ms. Waller has released to me is one page dated 07/16/2001 admitting the Plaintiff is alleging the FBI has released a toxic substance in my home and vehicle. This document does not indicate to what extent the Inspector General has investigated my claims or if he has used any of the leads and documentation the Plaintiff has used to make these claims...?

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In my Brief you will find reference to a suit filed against the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality to test and identify the substance in my home which they did not test for and claimed lack of funding which I believe is a bogus claim because they already have the instrumentation and personnel on the payroll. I believe this failure to test is a violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment and is in violation of their stated purpose to protect Louisiana citizens from environmental terrorism. I have also sent copies of my suit to both Louisiana Senators, Governor Blanco and the Attorney General Mr. Charles Fofi and requested their assistance and to get the DEQ to test for this substance but have not received a reply...You might be able to inquire about their investigation of this....I have also asked the Judiciary Committees to investigate....Thanking you in advance for your assistance, I remain,

Sincerely,

Woody Voinche...1132 N. Main...Marksville, Louisiana 71351



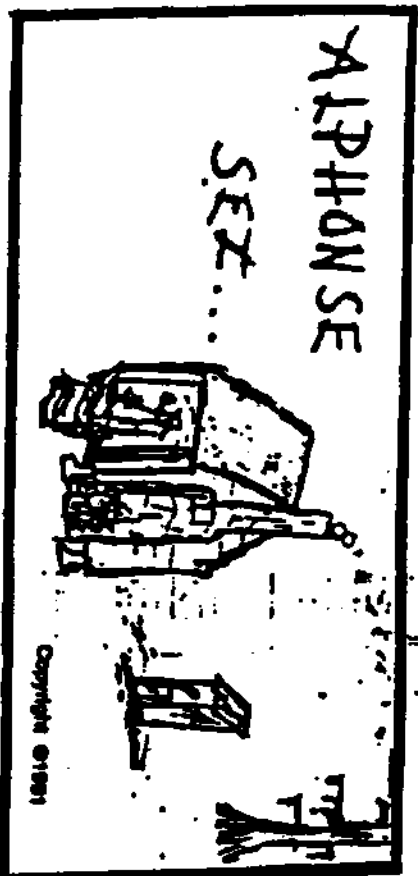
Delivery Confirmation
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 available with Priority Mail Service
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 and Library Mail)
 a box OR an item that is more
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Exhibit 5

Exhibit

Page 2, Section 1, THE AVOYELLES JOURNAL, Sunday June 27, 1993

Viewpoint



Alphonse sez he received this letter in the mail:

Dear Alphonse:
This letter is in response to "Fed UP" Please print this. I am a single mother of one child, and I receive aid from the government to help me financially. I am unemployed and am currently awaiting enrollment into college to further my education. Do you think I enjoy being on welfare and food stamps? Do you think I enjoy standing in line at the grocery store with my food stamps, at the welfare office or at the doctor with a medical card? Perhaps you would like to try it once. It is a degrading

Letters.....

Opinion expressed in Letters are not necessarily the views of the newspaper. Send your Opinions to the Journal P.O. Box 822, Marksville, La. 71351 We reserve the right to edit.



Political game.....

I take notice of the article in the May 30, 1993, Journal which said, "What they do is listen to a CB radio and relay it into either a 39.5, a 154.00 or an 800MHZ police radio. It's their way of invading other people's privacy on the airways. It's against the law!"

Two Marksville citizens have related to me a very similar incident in which they had a conversation over a portable phone and the conversation was picked up and transferred over a local radio frequency and was told so by someone at the city hall. Another individual confirmed this and said there is an individual (or agent) that has the equipment capable of doing this.

This is illegal folks; there is a nice little political game going on in Avoyelles. These electronic peeping Toms are violating your constitutional rights and trying to intimidate. It caught up with Nixon and the Watergate boys. Someone should be put on police he is liable to find himself in an "illegal search and seizure" and "due process" fight all the way to the Supreme Court.

Woody Voineche, Marksville

Exhibit 6

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WOODY VOINCHE

V.

FBI

CIVIL ACTIONS

NO. 96-2307

NO. 97-2788

DECLARATION AND AFFIDAVIT

We the undersigned do declare that we are friends and acquaintances of Woody Voinche and do declare that at various times we have in his truck and/or at his home smelled a toxic like substance that smells similar to a burning rubber and causes a tightening feeling in the lung and throat area and sometimes causes headaches.

Under penalty of perjury, we declare the foregoing to be true and correct...Executed this 11th
day of December, 1998.

Kerry R. Pachman Earline D. Roman Joseph L. Lianco

Arthur Pachman _____

Avoyelles Hospital
P.O. Box 255
Marksville, LA 71351

PHONE #: 318-253-8611
FAX #: 318-253-8658

NAME: VOINCHE, WOODY
PHYS: Kalifey, E J M.D.
DOB: 08/14/52 AGE: 45 SEX: M
ACCT: M09500627744 LOCATION: M.RAD
EXAM DATE: 07/22/98 STATUS: REG REF
RADIOLOGY NO: 30244
UNIT NO: M000022294

E J Kalifey M.D.
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Marksville, LA 71351

Exhibit 7

EXAMS: 000020181 CHEST PA & 1 LATERAL

EPA AND LATERAL CHEST, 07/22/98. NO PREVIOUS EXAM.

CLINICAL HISTORY: SHORTNESS OF BREATH

The heart size is normal. Slight uncoiling of aorta.

Lungs and costophrenic angles clear, though the diaphragms are borderline slightly flattened on the lateral view. Can not exclude mild emphysema or asthma. Also, bronchitis is difficult to exclude.

IMPRESSION:

- 1) NO DEFINITE ACUTE CARDIOPULMONARY DISEASE
- 2) BORDERLINE HYPERINFLATED LUNGS
- 3) MILD UNCOILING OF THE AORTA.

REPORTED BY: JOHN PATRICK HIGGINS M.D.

CC: E J Kalifey M.D.

TECHNOLOGIST: GLENN LEGER R.T. SUPERVISOR
TRANSCRIBED DATE/TIME: 07/22/98 (1222)
TRANSCRIPTIONIST: MMR.PALTI
PRINTED DATE/TIME: 07/22/98 (1456). BATCH NO: 1843

PAGE 1 E J Kalifey M.D.

AVOYELLES HOSPITAL

TRIAGE NURSING ASSESSMENT SHEET

AFFIX PATIENT LABEL HERE

DATE: 6-30-99	TIME: 1847	TEMP: 98.6	PULSE: 103	RESP: 14	BP: 159/110	O2 SAT: 97% RA
PATIENT NAME: Woodie Vanebo				TRIAGE LEVEL: <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> URGENT <input type="checkbox"/> NONURGENT		
ALLERGIES: NKDA				AGE: 46	PRIVATE PHYSICIAN: BCM	
CHIEF COMPLAINT AND ONSET: Dizziness 150R				INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM: pt		
LAST TETANUS:	IMMUNIZATION STATUS:			LMP:	HT:	WT:
MODE OF ARRIVAL: <input type="checkbox"/> W/C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walked <input type="checkbox"/> Carried <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance / Stretcher				ACCOMPANIED BY: <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Police <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
TX PRIOR TO ARRIVAL: ϕ				TX IN TRIAGE: ϕ		

AGE / DEVELOPMENTAL AGE APPROPRIATE? ☐ yes ☐ no If no, explain:
(ages 5 and under) ☒ N/A

MENTAL STATUS:

PAIN SCALE (1-10):

PEDIATRIC PAIN STATUS:
(circle appropriate score)

AIA/OX3

HISTORY

CURRENT MEDICATIONS: ϕ

- ☐ Heart
- ☐ HTN
- ☐ Lung
- ☐ Diabetes
- ☐ Seizures
- ☐ Nerves
- ☐ COPD
- ☐ Asthma
- ☐ Arthritis
- ☐ Other
- ☒ None

Nonsmoker ☐ Smoker (#ppd):

GOAL

SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*

NURSING DOCUMENTATION

TIME	BP	HR	RESP	TEMP	O2SAT	NOTES
1847						46yo WM ic/dizziness + SOB onset @ home, denies CP, pt states something in his head running this, vomited x 1
						@ home, orthostatic, stern cough pain
						pt diaphoretic, anorectic, BS, TAC
						denies tang stools, radial pain,

VOINCHE, WOODY
ID: 438883014

11/26/75 43:55

VOINCHE, WOODY
ID: 438883014

D.O.B.: 08/14/1952 43 YEARS
MALE CAUCASIAN
Dr: KEVIN J. BORDELON
Tech:

Vent. Rate: 110 bpm
P Duration: 96 ms
QRS Duration: 78 ms
PR Interval: 154 ms
QT Interval: 310 ms
QTc Interval: 395 ms
P-R-T AXIS: 45° -35° 3°

Warning: DATA QUALITY MAY AFFECT COMPUTER INTERPRETATION
SINUS TACHYCARDIA
LEFT AXIS DEVIATION
Q waves in inferior leads &
OLD INFERIOR INFARCTION

Summary: ABNORMAL

* Unconfirmed Analysis

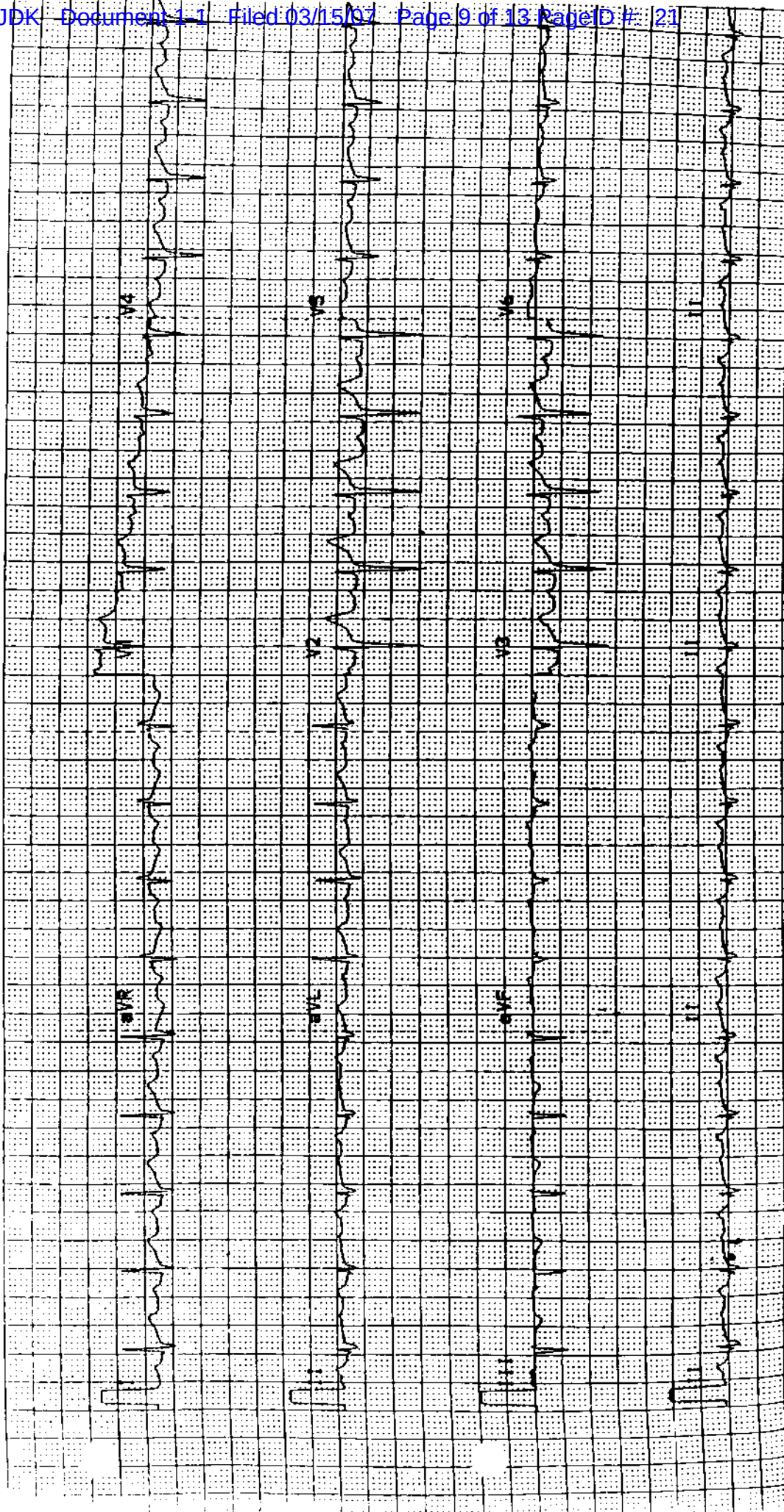


Exhibit 8



Health Sciences Center
HEALTH CARE HERA VEE'S MISION

352 Hospital Blvd • Pineville, LA 71360 • (318) 473-6350

Name WOODY VOINCHE

Date 4/26/2005

Address 1132 N MAIN ST.
MARKSVILLE, LA 71351

Rx

Thiamine, Vitamin B{1} Tablets 100 milligrams

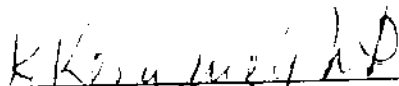
Disp # 30

SIG: Take Tab PO every morning

Substitution permissible

Refills 3

Diagnosis UNSPECIFIED IDIOPATHIC PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY ICD9: 356.9



Kenneth Kemmerly M.D.

ak3371414

DEA #

Void if seal not present

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH CONGRESS

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM

2157 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6143

Exhibit 10

Majority: 202: 225-5074

Minority: 202: 225-5051

April 17, 2002

Mr. Woody Voinche
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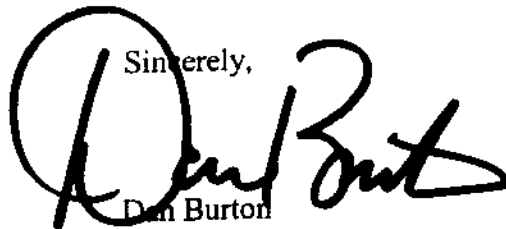
Dear Mr. Voinche:

Thank you for contacting me concerning the allegations of misconduct involving the Justice Department. As Chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, I am charged with oversight of federal agencies such as the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As you know, the FBI's controversial handling of organized crime investigations in Boston has recently come under scrutiny.

In early 2001, the Committee began an investigation of misconduct by Justice Department personnel in Boston. Evidence indicates that innocent men were unfairly convicted and wrongfully imprisoned, government informants committed numerous murders, and murder and drug investigations were hampered in order to protect informants. The Committee has subpoenaed documents relating to the handling of these informants. A number of hearings have already been held to investigate the allegations of misconduct in Boston and to assess whether or not legislative solutions are required. As a result of these proceedings, it is my belief that there is a need for legislative change. At this time the Committee is exploring potential legislative solutions to prevent such misconduct on the part of federal prosecutors and law enforcement agents in the future.

For the latest information on Committee hearings and investigations, I encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.house.gov/reform>. Again, I thank you for contacting me about this very important matter. I assure you that the Committee will work tirelessly to ensure that the Department of Justice and all federal agencies are operating with integrity and in the best interest of all Americans.

Sincerely,



Dan Burton
Chairman

GLOBAL ROUNDUP

Conference on steering future of Iraq scheduled to start today

BAGHDAD (AP) — Washington is sending a veteran Middle East hand, Tehran's envoy is a British-educated diplomat considered one of Iran's leading Western analysts.

Combine that with a flexible agenda and a matchmaking Iraqi host — and the international gathering today to help steer Iraq's future also appears as a prime opportunity for some icebreaking overtures between Iran and the United States.

But any outreach would be shadowed by deep suspicions and grievances from both sides in their odd-couple roles: old foes yet also Iraq's two most influential allies.

"Don't expect any miracles," said Hamid Reza Jalepour, a professor of political affairs at Tehran University.

In fact, expectations have been kept very modest before the conference — which includes delegates from Iraq's six neighbors, the five permanent U.N. Security Council members and several Arab representatives.

In Washington, the U.S. chief delegate, David Satterfield, said "we are not going to um and walk away" if approached by Iran or Syria to discuss Iraq.

U.S. holds secret hearings**on prisoners at Guantanamo**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The U.S. began a series of secret hearings Friday to determine whether 14 alleged terrorist leaders at its prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, should be declared "enemy combatants" who can be held indefinitely and prosecuted by military tribunals.

No details were released and a military spokesman, Navy Cmdr. Chlo Peppier, declined to identify detainees who appeared before the panel of three officers.

Edited transcripts of the hearings at the U.S. Navy base in southeast Cuba will be released later, Peppier said.

The 14 detainees, including an alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, were moved in September from a secret CIA prison network to the prison at Guantanamo Bay.

NW 'Batzen Angel' nurse**Joan Schmidt dies at 88**

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. (AP) — Joan Kennedy Schmidt, one of the nurses dubbed the "Angels of Batzen" who were held prisoner in the Philippines during World War II, has died. She was 88.

Schmidt died March 3 at her home from complications of a fall, her daughter, Susan Johnson of Bernadji, Minn., said Friday.

With Schmidt's death, only three of the nurses are believed to be alive, said Elizabeth M. Norman, who wrote the 1998 book *We Band of Angels: The Untold Story of American Nurses Trapped on Batzen*.

Joining the Army after getting her nursing degree in 1941, Schmidt was one of 49 Army and Navy nurses stationed in the Philippines. After Japan attacked in 1942, they found themselves treating casualties in open-air field hospitals on the Batzen Peninsula. Some nurses were able to leave before Corregidor fell in May 1942. The other 77 were held prisoner in Manila for nearly three years. While in the camp, they continued to treat other military and civilian prisoners, sometimes eating weeds to stave off starvation.

Statistics expert's deception**prompts look into case work**

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Joseph Kopera is known admiringly as "Dr. K" and Joe No Compares "em" Kopera, a veteran police statistics expert who testified in hundreds of cases over four decades and was respected by prosecutors and defense attorneys alike. But earlier this month, Kopera committed suicide on the very day of his retirement from the Maryland State Police, weeks after Maryland defense attorneys confronted him with evidence that he had falsified his academic credentials.

Now investigators are going to take a long, hard look at the cases he worked on.

Company's president arrested**in illegal immigrants raid**

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Federal authorities on Friday raided a construction company accused of hiring illegal immigrants, detaining 40 undocumented workers and arresting several other employees.

Scores of agents fanned out in Douglas,

D.C.'s handgun ban ruled unconstitutional

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court overturned the District of Columbia's long-standing handgun ban Friday, rejecting the city's argument that the Second Amendment right to bear arms applied only to militias.

In a 2-1 decision, the judges held that the activities protected by the Second Amendment "are not limited to militia service, nor is an individual's enjoyment of the right contingent" on enrollment in a militia.

The ban on owning handguns went

into effect in 1976.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit also threw out the district's requirement that registered firearms be kept unloaded, disassembled and under trigger lock.

In 2004, a lower-court judge told six city residents that they did not have a constitutional right to own handguns.

The plaintiffs include residents of high-crime neighborhoods who wanted the guns for protection.

"The district's definition of the militia is just too narrow," Judge Laurence Silberman wrote for the majority Friday. "There are too many instances of 'bear arms' indicating private use to conclude that the drafters intended only a military sense."

Judge Karen Henderson dissented, writing that the Second Amendment does not apply to the District of Columbia because it is not a state.

The Bush administration has endorsed individual gun-ownership rights, but the Supreme Court has

never settled the issue.

"I think this is well positioned for review of the Supreme Court," said Jonathan Turley, a constitutional law professor at George Washington University. He said the D.C. circuit is historically influential with the Supreme Court because it often deals with constitutional questions.

If the dispute makes it to the high court, it would be the first case in nearly 70 years to address the Second Amendment's scope.



FBI Director Robert Mueller discusses the illegal gathering of information by federal agents during a new conference in Washington on Friday.

Top officials admit FBI broke law

Agency acquired personal data about citizens

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's top two law enforcement officials acknowledged Friday the FBI broke the law to secretly pry out personal information about Americans. They apologized and vowed to prevent further illegal intrusions.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales left open the possibility of pursuing criminal charges against FBI agents or lawyers who improperly used the USA Patriot Act in pursuit of suspected terrorists and spies.

The FBI's transgressions were spelled out in a damning 126-page audit by Justice Department Inspector General Glenn A. Fine. He found that agents sometimes demanded personal data on people without official authorization, and in other cases improperly obtained telephone records in non-emergency circumstances.

The audit also concluded that the FBI for three years underreported to Congress how often it used national security letters to force busi-

nesses to turn over customer data. The letters are administrative subpoenas that do not require a judge's approval.

"People have to believe in what we say," Gonzales said. "And so I think this was very upsetting to me. And it's frustrating."

"We have some work to do to reassure members of Congress and the American people that we are serious about being responsible in the exercise of these authorities," he said.

Under the Patriot Act, the national security letters give the FBI authority to demand that telephone companies, Internet service providers, banks, credit bureaus and other businesses produce personal records about their customers or subscribers. About three-fourths of the letters issued between 2003 and 2005 involved counterterrorism cases, with the rest for espionage investigations, the audit reported.

Shoddy record-keeping and human error were to blame for the bulk of the problems, said Justice auditors who were careful to note they found no indication of criminal misconduct.

Still, "we believe the improper or illegal uses we found involve serious misuses of national security letter authorities," the audit concluded.

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller said many of the problems were being fixed, including by building a better internal data collection system and training employees on the limits of their authority. The FBI has also scrapped the use of "evigent letters," which were used to gather information without the signed permission of an authorized official.

"But the question should and must be asked: How could this happen? Who is accountable?" Mueller said. "And the answer to that is, I am to be held accountable." Mueller said he had not been asked to resign, nor had he discussed doing so with other officials. He said employees would probably face disciplinary actions, not criminal charges, following an internal investigation of how the violations occurred.

Iraqi chief with ties to al-Qaida captured

BAGHDAD (AP) — The leader of the al-Qaida-affiliated Islamic State of Iraq was captured Friday in a raid west of Baghdad — his identity revealed by a fellow insurgent detained with him, an Iraqi military spokesman said.

Abu Omar al-Baghdadi was captured in a raid in Abu Ghraib on the western outskirts of Baghdad, said Brig. Gen. Qasim al-Moussawi, spokesman of the Baghdad security operation. U.S. officials had no confirmation of the capture.

"One of the terrorists who was arrested with him confessed that the one in our hands is al-Baghdadi," al-Moussawi said.

Al-Baghdadi has been identified in statements posted on Islamic extremist Web sites as the head of the Islamic State, which was proclaimed last year after the death of the leader of al-Qaida in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

In a tape released last November, the leader of al-Qaida in Iraq called on Sunni Muslims to pledge their allegiance to a new state that militants have said they created in Iraq, and said al-Baghdadi was "the ruler of believers" with al-Qaida in Iraq fighters under his command.

On Friday, the Islamic State of Iraq announced it would soon release a video on the death of a U.S. Air Force pilot whose F-16 jet crashed Nov. 27 north of Baghdad, according to IntelCenter, which monitors insurgent Web sites.

The pilot, Maj. Troy L. Gilbert, was listed officially as "whereabouts unknown" but then reported by the U.S. military as dead following DNA tests from remains at the scene. IntelCenter said it was unclear what the video would show.

In Baghdad, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki ventured into the streets and chatted with Iraqis at police checkpoints Friday to showcase security ahead of an international conference aimed at stabilizing the country with help from its neighbors.

Al-Maliki's office released no advance details of the outing because of safety concerns, but issued photos afterward.

"The conference is proof that the situation in Baghdad is getting back to normal and that the political process is strong and stable," al-Maliki told reporters at a power station nearby.

That al-Maliki could venture out at all was due to a modest improvement in security in the capital since the security operation began last month.